(iv) Interaction is maintained with project proponents to expedite submission of information/clarification.

(v) Status of pending projects are displayed on the Ministry's Website to enable project proponents to take necessary action.

(c) Decision on proposals are taken within 90 days of receipt of all requisite information.

Freight Traffic

*679. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the projected passenger (Non-Suburban and Suburban) Traffic at the end of Ninth Five Year plan i.e. 2001- 2002 and the targeted passenger traffic for 2000-2001;

(b) the projected Freight Traffic in million tonnes and in billion tonnes/ kilometres projected at the end of Ninth Five Year plan;

(c) the targeted Freight Traffic in 2000-2001;

(d) whether 13,922 kilometres track were to be renewed in the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(e) the actual track renewal carried out so far, in kilometres?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) to (c) Details are given below:—

	Projected at the end of the IX Plan as approved	Targeted for 2000-2001 (BE)
Non-Suburban Traffic.		
Number of Passengers (Millions)	1793	1873
Passenger kilometres (Billion)	313	351.4
Suburban Traffic		
Number of Passengers (Millions)	2989	2866
Passenger Kilometres (Billion)	87	97
Revenue Earning Freight Traffic		
Originating Loading (Millions Tonnes)	525	475
Tonnes Kilometres (BTKM)	353	317

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In the first 3 years of IX Plan i.e. from 1997-98 to 1999-2000, 8923 kilometres of track has been renewed.

Congestion at Secunderabad Railway Station

*680. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any long term plans to reduce congestion and difficult access at Secunderabad Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the nearer entrance is not easy for travellers to reach;

(c) what steps are proposed to properly re-design the access area in Secunderabad;

(d) whether any discussions have been held with the Municipal authorities;

(e) if so, when were such discussions held; and

(f) what was the outcome?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is some congestion on the main entry side of station due to constantly increasing population pressure.

(c) The approach road to the main entry side is maintained by the Municipal Corporation. However, to facilitate easy access to the Station a second entry with a full fledged station building has been planned. The circulating area with booking office on the Bhoiguda side has already been provided as a part of this work. Landing of the Foot Over Bridge is also provided in the circulating area. A new Oliphanta road-under-bridge has also been commissioned which will ease the congestion further.

(d) No, Sir.

(c) and (f) Do not arise.